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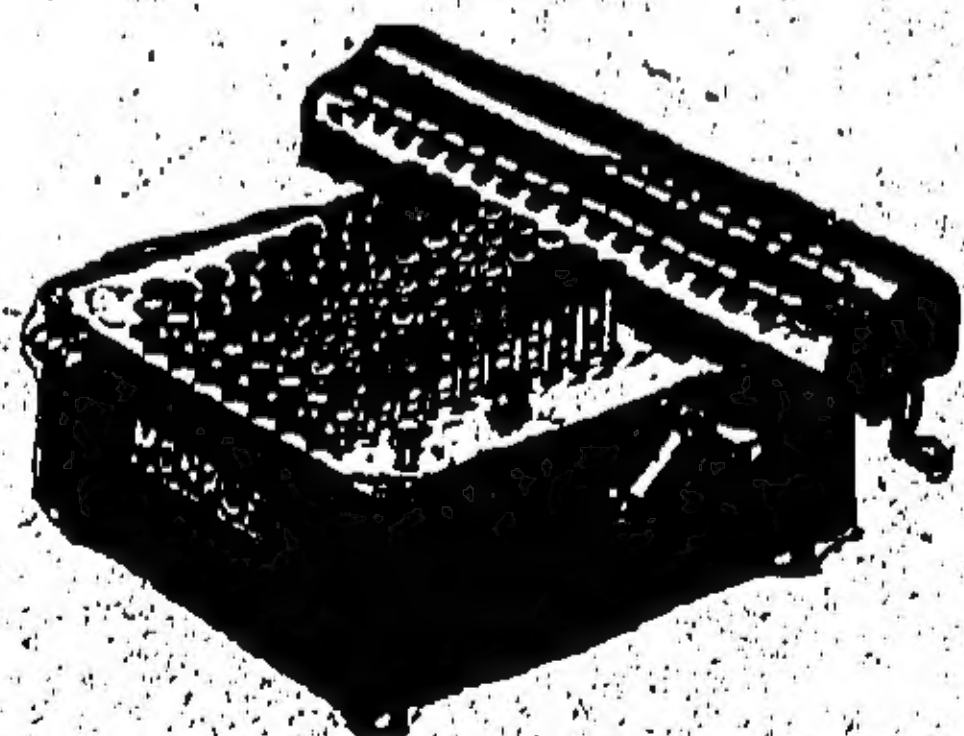
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### ANOTHER "RAG" THE STUDENTS' AND "PUSSYFOOT"

"The How and Why of American Prohibition" was the subject of what was to have been a debate on November 13th between Mr. W. E. Johnson, who has come to be known as "Pussyfoot," and Mr. R. Mitchell Banks, barrister-at-law. The venue was the Essex Hall, and the arrangements for the discussion had been made by the Central Committee of the Overseas Club and Patriotic League.

Long before the appointed time for the gathering, namely, 4.30, a large crowd of students collected in Essex-street, outside Essex Hall, waiting the arrival of the principal figure in the drama. Indeed, it was difficult for a ticket-holder to gain access to the Hall as none were refused admission, but quite a large number who had the necessary medium of entry passed by the door-keeper and took up positions in the gallery, filled to its utmost limit long before the Chairman mounted the platform.

In good time "Pussyfoot" arrived from his office in Fleet-street, on foot, and, straggling as he was, was allowed to pass through the line of students. No sooner had the Chairman risen to address the meeting than there was a great hullabaloo, a further body of students rushing the doors, all the while indulging in wild shouts and cat-calls. The Chairman appealed for order, and asked the interrupters to be sportmen and give the speaker a fair hearing. Derisive cheers broke forth as the reply.

Then Mr. Evelyn Wrench, Chairman of the Overseas Club, moved to the front of the platform. He also asked for fair play, mentioning that the Overseas Club had collected a million pounds for the war, and had presented the Government with 300 aeroplanes. "As Britishers, as I understand most of you are, I ask you to give our guests a fair hearing." The disorder continuing, the Chairman made another effort to address the meeting, and declared that he was just as patient as the interrupters. The students, however, refused to allow him to proceed, and Mr. Evelyn Wrench, again essayed to speak, but was drowned by a general chorus from the back of the room. "We want Pussyfoot!"

The Chairman tried to quiet the interrupters by promising the platform to one of their number to state their case. A student, at once availing himself of the opportunity, made for the platform, and, shouting above the cheers of his supporters, declared, "We say that if Britain wants to be wet or dry, that is a thing for Britishers alone to decide. (Cheers.) We don't want Americans coming over here with elaborate and ornate speeches, telling us what we ought to do. We won the battle of the Somme on our own, and run only, and the sooner Mr. Johnson realises that the better." (Loud cheers.)

A HEARING FOR MR. BANKS. Mr. Mitchell Banks, who had been announced to take the negative side in the debate, was at this stage allowed a hearing. "I have come here to put my views before you, which are entirely opposed to those of Mr. Johnson and his friends," he remarked, amid cheers, and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." "I appeal for fair play once more," he proceeded. "It is the turn of the enemy first. Let him get his speech of attack in, and I will do my best with the 'machine gun' after." (Loud cheers.) The Chairman announced that it had been agreed for each speaker to occupy ten minutes, and he thereupon called on Mr. Johnson to open the debate.

Mr. Johnson, who began in a quiet voice, was received with cries of "Speak up." "I agree with the speaker," he said, "that it is up to the British people to decide the questions we have met to discuss without interference by Americans or anyone else. I came to this country, on my own initiative, but as the invitation of Mr. Johnson and his friends, I am here to invite anybody into their homes that they think fit, and if this right is denied them, then this country is false to its traditions." (Cheers and counter-cheers.)

Further interruption was here caused by the students singing lustily:

"Old soldiers never die,"  
"They simply fade away."

"What did we prohibit in America?" proceeded Mr. Johnson. "We did not prohibit alcohol—(cries of 'Shame!'); we did not interfere in any way with wine for the Sacrament. ('Oh!') We did not interfere with alcohol as a medicine. All that we did was to prohibit the business of making good men and women drunk for profit."

THE CRISIS REACHED. The speaker was not allowed to proceed any further. Suddenly there was a wild rush forward, and the students stormed the platform in a body, pelting the speaker with bags of white powder, said to be iodine powder. On of these packets struck Mr. Johnson in the face, and he was simultaneously seized and carried bodily out of the hall to the vestibule below, the students following and cheering wildly. A similar fate befell the Chairman.

The situation at one time was distinctly dangerous. Chairs were overturned and broken, and ladies, who were roughly pushed aside, screamed for mercy. One of them, turning boldly round and facing the mob, shouted defiantly, "You scoundrels, you cowards, I wish I were a man, I would soon show you what I would do with you." This, forsooth, is what they call liberty-loving England! remarked an American visitor, who had lost his hat and stick in the mêlée.

After the tumult had died down, Mr. Mitchell Banks returned to the platform and addressing those who had remained said he was extremely sorry for their Chairman and his opponents that they

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### SALE OF GERMAN-OWNED PROPERTY. OFFICIAL SANCTION NEEDED

The Board of Trade draw attention to the Order in Council under the Peace Treaty with Germany (Treaty of Peace Order, 1919) which appeared in the London Gazette, and particularly to paragraphs XVI and XVII, under which all property, rights, and interests within His Majesty's Dominions belonging to German nationals wherever resident are charged for the purpose of securing the claims by British nationals with regard to their property in Germany and debts owing to them by German nationals.

The Order provides *inter alia*—  
That no person shall transfer, part with, or deal in any way with any property, rights, or interests subject to the charge without the consent of the Custodian, and that if he does so he will be liable to a fine of £100 and three months' imprisonment.

That every person who owns or controls any such property (including, where the property consists of shares, stocks, or other securities, the company, municipal authority, or other body by whom they are issued) must within three months communicate the facts to the Custodian, unless particulars thereof have already been furnished to him in accordance with the provisions of the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1914-18, and if any person fails to do so he will be liable to a fine of £100; and

That if any person is asked to pay any money or to transfer or deal in any way with any property, rights, or interests which he has reason to suspect are subject to the charge, he must immediately report the matter to the Custodian, who, for England and Wales, is the Public Trustee, Kingway, London, N.Y. 1; Scotland, the Accountant of Court, H.M. Register House, Edinburgh; and for Ireland, the Custodian for Ireland, King's Bench Division, Four Courts, Dublin.

It is pointed out that the charge does not extend to any property which may have been acquired under the Board of Trade general licence dated July 15th last authorising the resumption of trade with Germany.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Order, the Board of Trade give notice that bankers may, without licence, allow German subjects who are residents in the United Kingdom to withdraw from their balances sums not exceeding £50 in any one month.

should have been refused a hearing. "I hope," he continued, "you will take my word of honour that I know nothing of this disgraceful scene." I repudiate it. (A Voice: "We are absolutely ashamed of them.") I hope to have an opportunity at some future time of a full and frank discussion with Mr. Johnson. I am always prepared to meet him frankly and fairly. I propose to you that we pass a vote of confidence with him for the unfair and rough treatment he has received.

ON LEAVING THE HALL, the students, who were joined by several hundreds of others who were waiting in the street outside, carried "Pussyfoot" shoulder high along the Strand into the quadrangle of King's College, where they called upon him to make a speech, a request which was readily complied with. His remarks, however, were inaudible owing to the derisive shouts and cat-calls of the students. A large crowd of the public, attracted by the tumultuous scene, endeavoured to enter the quadrangle, but were prevented by the police, who closed the iron gates.

A few minutes later the students reformed in procession, and still carrying "Pussyfoot" on their shoulders marched singing in the direction of Trafalgar Square, where they declared their intention to hold a further demonstration.

When the students reached Trafalgar Square they decided to go on to Piccadilly Circus with Mr. Johnson. They numbered about two or three hundred, but, to the amazement of the crowd, who followed in the wake of the procession, they were not to become of Mr. Johnson. Piccadilly was reached at a time when the traffic was at its highest. All this was disregarded, and without waiting for any hint they walked around the Circus, traffic being stopped in an unceremonious fashion. During all these proceedings Mr. Johnson treated the affair with great amiability and good nature. He did not try to escape, and, some spectators say that he appeared to enjoy the novel procession. Then a move was made when the procession reformed, it proceeded towards University College, by way of Oxford Circus.

When the students reached Portland-street opposite Oxford-circus, Tube Station, a body of about fifty policemen arrived on the scene, and immediately made an attempt to rescue Mr. Johnson from the hands of the students. A scuffle lasting for about ten minutes took place before they succeeded, but nobody was hurt during its good-humoured continuance. The police commanded a military motor-car, and in this escorted Mr. Johnson from the scene of the conflict. He was safe and sound.

The greater part of "Pussyfoot's" journey was made in a newspaper van, which the students "commandeered" and handed over to the driver, and the van was dragged through the streets by his captors. One of the latter admitted to a Press representative that Mr. Johnson was "christened" with beer and whiskey in the course of the "rag." He appeared to take his capture in good part, submitting to superior force with great good humour. One of the students offered him a cigarette, which he accepted and smoked.

On being outmanoeuvred by the police, the students reformed and marched back to King's College Hospital, and there dismissed and went quietly away.

### THE SENUSI CHIEF IN EXILE. A DEPOSED "POPE"

The Sultan of Turkey has been girded with the Sword of Osman by the Senussi Sheikh. This news was recently chronicled in *The Times*, and other indications of the activity of Sidi Ahmed ibn Mahammed, a Sherif at Constantinople might be cited. Sidi Ahmed is being used for all he is worth by the Pan-Islamic Party.

But that Sidi Ahmed can no longer claim to be the Grand Senussi, that the invader of Western Egypt is now a fugitive from North Africa, having made his escape about a year ago in a German submarine, and that he has been formally deposed by the Senussi chiefs in Libya—these are things that the Turk does not advertise, and are not generally known in Western Europe. As the Senussi sect, with its adherents all over the East, from Morocco to Afghanistan, is, despite recent happenings in Egypt, still one of the most powerful of Moslem brotherhoods, the elimination of Sidi Ahmed from temporal authority and the change of policy which has accompanied it are worth noting.

When, in February, 1917, escaping the disaster which overtook his army in the oasis of Siwa, Sidi Ahmed fled westward, he went to Jarabub, the sacred place of the Senussites, where is the tomb-mosque of the founder of the order. Ahmed's prestige in Egypt had vanished, and shortly afterwards the defeat of Ali Dinar in Darfur put an end to Senussi hopes in the Sudan. Ahmed, however, still held large parts of the Italian protectorates of Cyrenaica and Tripoli, including Misrata and other ports on the Mediterranean. But his own followers were disheartened, and he had to lean chiefly on his Turco-German allies, conspicuous among whom was Nuri Pasha, the brother of Enver. Nuri presently found it convenient to leave Cyrenaica, by what may be called the regular U-boat passenger service between Misrata and Pola, and he subsequently figured as "the conqueror of Baku."

As the war progressed and the Senussites found they were losing ground to the Italians and were debarré from intercourse with Egypt, the moderate element among their chiefs began to meditate an accommodation with their enemies. This was an attitude the Italians did much to foster, their avowed policy being to come to an arrangement which would give the Senussites considerable autonomy in temporal affairs and leave untouched the spiritual authority of the chief of the fraternity. The result was seen in the summer of last year, when Sidi Ahmed was deposed, and his nephew, the Sidi Said Idriss (formerly Senussi envoy in Egypt), was chosen head of the order in his stead, it being essential that the Sheikh or Senussi should be a member of the family of the Prophet.

Ahmed, who did not acquiesce in his own deposition, availed himself of the hospitality of a German submarine, at Misrata, to reach Europe, and has spent most of his time since at Istanbul. How far his spiritual authority is recognized by the Senussi brethren outside Libya is uncertain, but at the headquarters of the sect and in the region whence the Senussi warriors are recruited he is now but a sort of anti-Pope.

Sidi Idriss, the new Grand Senussi, has abstained from action against Egypt, and has pursued a conciliatory policy towards Italy, which has recovered possession of Misrata. At the beginning of this year Sidi Idriss sent his brother, Sidi Mohammed er Reda, on an Embassy to Rome, when Italian suzerainty was implicitly, if not explicitly, recognized. A final settlement of Italian-Senussi relations depends partly on the attitude of Great Britain, a considerable area of the territory occupied by the Senussi being nominally in the British sphere of influence in North Africa. Negotiations for the readjustment of frontiers between Italy and Britain have been opened, and there is no reason why a satisfactory settlement should not be reached. The British authorities in Egypt for long years maintained excellent relations with the Senussites; they have never opposed Senussism on grounds of religion, and do not now so oppose it; neither do the French in North Africa. An arrangement with the Senussites which would satisfy the European Powers—France, Italy, and Great Britain—who between them control the whole of North Africa, is desirable and possible, and should be sought. The sooner it were done the less harm would be likely to result from the intrigues of the deposed chief Sidi Ahmed with Enver, Nuri, Mustafa Kemal, and other Turkish Nationalists.

### TOPSY-TURVY BRAIN BREAKS.

A man, who appeared in a case at Ashby-de-la-Zouch recently, said that while he could not read he could both write and spell. The fact was demonstrated, and the clerk remarked that the man was a conundrum. This is not an isolated instance of the brain playing a freakish trick on a person. A boy who saw everything upside down and wrote from right to left, excited wonderment at Chester-le-Street, Durham, a few years ago. When he wrote a "u" or an "n" the letters appeared as if they were "n" or "u." Strangely enough, he was able to read with perfect ease.

A similar case was that of Russel Baker, a West Virginian youth. He not only wrote and saw upside down, but sang low notes high and high notes low. The explanation advanced in regard to his topsy-turvy outlook on life was that he had "camera eye," but his vocal peculiarities left the medical scientists baffled.

A twelve-year-old Birmingham girl also had an irresistible impulse to "do things backwards." An X-ray examination showed that her brain was not on the wrong side, but other organs, including the brain, were misplaced. An explanation was never found, however, of the vocal idiosyncrasy of a Californian girl who "clucked" in her deep like a hen.

### INTIMATIONS

#### HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

AN important joint MEETING of the GENERAL and BOXING COMMITTEES of the above Association will take place at the Office of Mr. F. U. JENKIN, Chinese Buildings, on MONDAY, JANUARY 5th, at 6.00 P.M. Members are requested to make it convenient to attend.

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SPORT.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. v. NAVY.

MAGNIFICENT INNINGS BY E. R. B. HANCOCK.

The batsmen had the mastery of the bowlers when the Hongkong Cricket Club met the Navy in a two-days' match commencing on New Year's Day. The Club played a capable eleven, strengthening the bowling by the inclusion of Brand and Lamport, in place of Paravacini and McPhail who had played against the Garrison. Sutton took Thurnfield's place. The Navy missed that useful batsman, Lieut. Jones, also Lieut. Casswell.

The Navy started badly, losing Kennett after 9 runs had been scored. Hastings and Holl remained together till the score rose to 48, when the former was run out through not grounding his bat in time. Greig, who started with a fine shot on the off for 4 runs at Brand's expense, did not last long, neither did Holborn, who put up a soft catch to Wood. Holl finished a very meritorious innings, in which he hit freely on both sides of the wicket, by cocking up an easy catch to Day off his own bowling. Robinson, who brought off some hefty hits during his short stay at the wicket, including one from Day on to the Naval Yard roof, was out to a very remarkable, if fluky, catch by Blaker at point. Franks and McNair, in partnership, thrashed the bowling, the former being bowled by Day for the seventh wicket when the score stood at 233. McNair, who gave a first class exhibition of cricket, was the last man on his side to get out.

The Club batsmen found no difficulty with the bowling and the fielders had a glorious time. Wood was out when the score was 31, and Pearce failed even to get started. Claxton and Mitchell collared the bowling and raised the score to 134 when Mitchell put his leg in front of a delivery from Bryant and had to go back. Seventeen runs later Claxton was similarly out after an innings which scintillated with superb drives. The best cricket of the day was, however, played by E. R. B. Hancock, who was undefeated with 78 runs to his credit when stumps were drawn for the day, the total score being 240 for the loss of five wickets.

Continuing their innings yesterday, Hancock and Brand continued to bat with the same freedom which characterized their play the previous evening. Hancock, especially, being in rare smiting form. The score rose to 338 before they were separated, Brand being then dismissed to a catch by Robinson. Blaker was out without scoring and then, when the score was at 388, Hancock's long innings terminated. He had put up the biggest individual score made in the Colony in recent years, his first and only chance being when he was in the region of 150. Hancock hit a six and 27 fours, and received the hearty ovation he deserved when he walked back to the pavilion. The Club innings terminated for 388 runs. Hastings bowled no less than 31 overs, setting up a record for Hongkong cricket.

It was not strange, after their strenuous time in the field, that the Navy did not distinguish themselves in their second innings. They were all out for 113 runs, Franks playing free cricket for 30. The Club thus won the match by an innings and 19 runs.

It being still early, the Club carried on with their second innings. After Day had considerably improved his average, stumps were drawn after an hour's play.

NAVY.

1st Innings.

Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, run out	17
E. G. Kennett, c and b Brand	9
Surg.-Comdr. Holl, c and b Day	55
Lieut.-Comdr. Greig, c Wood, b Brand	8
Pay-Lt. Comdr. Holborn, c Lamport, b Day	2
Pay-Lt. Robinson, c Blaker, b Lamport	29
Lieut. Franks, b Day	58
Lieut. McNair, b Day	44
Lieut. Dolphin, b Lamport	12
Lieut. Dicken, not out	1
C. E. R. A. Bryant, run out	0
Extras	22
Total	257

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Donnelly	18	0	65	0
Brand	11	2	38	2
Day	13.4	0	81	4
Lamport	10	1	49	2
Pearce	1	0	9	0

HONGKONG C.C.

1st Innings.

F. J. R. Mitchell, l.b.w., b Bryant	58
A. E. Wood, c Greig, b Hastings	11
T. E. Pearce, b Kennett	0
A. A. Claxton, l.b.w., b Bryant	52
H. R. B. Hancock, b Bryant	136
E. W. Day, c Franks, b Hastings	8
R. A. Brand, c Robinson, b Bryant	45
C. Blaker, c Franks, b Hastings	0
F. Sutton, run out	14
E. G. Lamport, not out	8
D. E. Donnelly, b Bryant	8
Extras	5

Total

382

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hastings	31	4	131	3
Kennett	20	1	125	1
Greig	3	1	15	0
Dolphin	2	1	7	0
Robinson	7	1	30	0
Bryant	16	2	79	5

NAVY.

2nd Innings.

E. G. Kennett, l.b.w., b Lamport	28
Surg.-Comdr. Holl, b Brand	5
Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, b Day	5
Lt. Franks, b Lamport	30
Pay-Lt. Comdr. Holborn, b Day	1
Pay-Lt. Robinson, b Lamport	14
Lt. Comdr. Greig, b Day	9
Lt. McNair, c Day, b Lamport	0
Lt. Dicken, b Day	0
C. E. R. A. Bryant, b Day	12
Lt. Dolphin, not out	3
Extras	15

Total

113

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Donnelly	12	5	19	1
Brand	9	1	28	0
Day	13	5	22	5
Lamport	10	2	29	4

HONGKONG C.C.

2nd Innings.

E. G. Lamport, run out	8
C. Blaker, not out	16
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Bryant, b Franks	11
F. Sutton, c Holborn, b Robinson	10
E. W. Day, not out	68
Extras	9

Total

110

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Franks	5	1	17	1
Dicken	8	1	23	0
Robinson	4	1	23	1
Bryant	2	0	21	0
Greig	1	0	13	0

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS.

The Hongkong C.C. are to be congratulated on having won the premier honours in the local triangular cricket tournament just concluded. All the sides being weak in bowling, tall scoring was the order of the tournament, and it is noteworthy that no less than 2,491 runs were scored in the three matches, giving an average of a fraction under 84 runs per wicket. By virtue of his big unfinished innings of 105 against the Navy, Capt. P. Havelock Davies heads the batting averages. A. A. Claxton is very close up to him, and has an aggregate of only two runs less than the old Oxford player. R. Hancock's magnificent innings of 158 against the Navy brings him into the third place in the averages. E. W. Day heads the bowling averages. It is noteworthy that he has captured the largest number of wickets. Rev. F. G. B. Hastings has bowled most overs (and that, too, in three innings) and Kennett has the unenviable record of having had the most runs scored against him.

The following figures do not include the fourth (and unnecessary) innings played by the Club in their match against the Navy yesterday:

BATTING.

	No. of Innings	Times Out	Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Average
Capt. P. H. Davies (Garrison)	4	1	105	240	79.6	
A. A. Claxton (Club)	3	0	125	238	79.3	
R. Hancock (Club)	3	0	158	184	61.3	
Lt.-Col. Coles (Garrison)	2	0	100	105	52.5	
E. J. H. Mitchell (Club)	3	0	68	93	31	
Lt. Jones (Navy)	2	0	85	92	31	
Surg. Comdr. Holl (Navy)	2	0	55	60	27.5	
Lt. Franks (Navy)	4	0	58	109	27.5	
Pay-Lt. Robinson (Navy)	4	0	53	105	26.5	
Lieut. Cunningham (Garrison)	4	0	60	104	26	
Lt. Lamport (Navy)	2	1	18	25	23	
Major Edwards (Garrison)	4	1	38	70	23.3	
T. E. Pearce (Club)	3	0	46	69	23.3	
A. E. Wood (Club)	3	0	48	61	20.3	
Major Calver (Garrison)	2	0	29	37	18.5	
Lt. Beavan (Garrison)	4	0	59	79	19	
Lt.-Col. Wyndham (Garrison)	3	0	29	53	17.6	
Lt. Casswell (Navy)	2	1	17	17	17	
Lieut.-Comdr. Greig (Navy)	4	0	64	93	19.5	
Pay-Lt. Comdr. Holborn (Navy)	4	0	31	63	15.7	
Rev. F. G. B. Hastings (Navy)	4	0	28	65	16.5	
Lt. McNair (Navy)	4	1	44	44	11.5	
Capt. Olliver (Garrison)	4	1	18	53	14	
E. G. Kennett (Navy)	4	0	23	50	12.5	

NAVY.

2nd Innings.

E. W. Day (Club)	201	19	11.1
E. G. Lamport (Club)	20	3	71
Capt. P. Havelock Davies (Garrison)	754	14	57.7
Lieut. Bryson (Garrison)	2	4	95
Major Edwards (Garrison)	3	2	220
D. E. Donnelly (Club)	57	0	318
Rev. F. G. B. Hastings (Navy)	73	17	293
Capt. Olliver (Garrison)	4	5	198
R. A. Brand (Club)	20	3	66
E. G. Kennett (Navy)	51.3	5	332

Total

382

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Donnelly	12	5	19	1
Brand	9	1	28	0
Day	13	5	22	5
Lamport	10	2	29	4

HONGKONG C.C.

2nd Innings.

E. G. Lamport, run out	8
C. Blaker, not out	16
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Bryant, b Franks	11
F. Sutton, c Holborn, b Robinson	10
E. W. Day, not out	68
Extras	9

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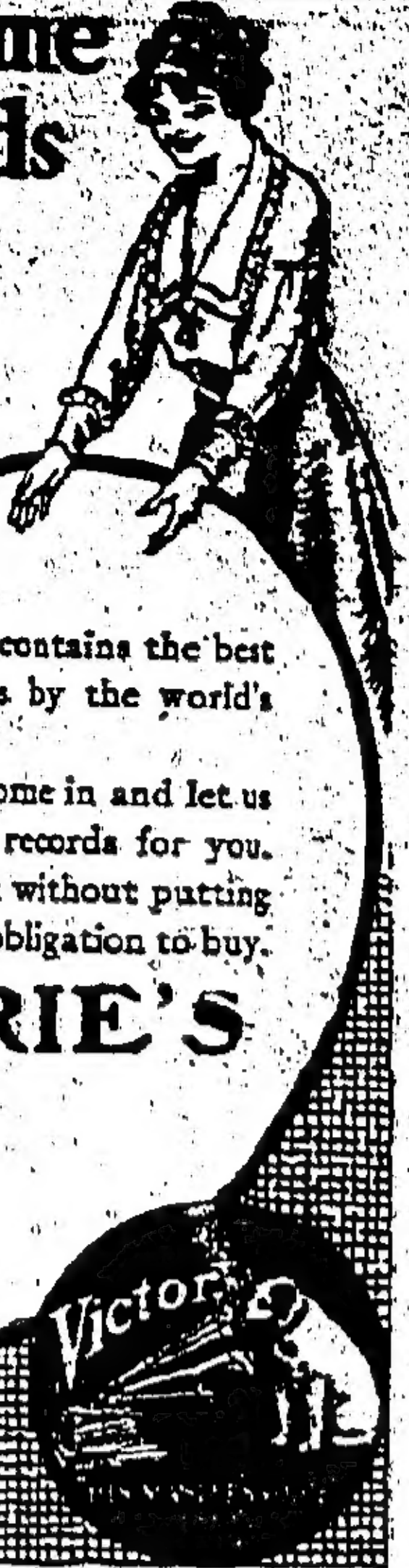
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## SPORT.

(Continued from page 5.)

### CIVIL SERVICE DEFEAT THE WILTSHIRES

The above match, played on the Civil Service ground on New Year's Day, saw an exciting finish, the Wiltshires only wanting seven runs to win when their innings closed. In scoring 157 runs, the Civil Service were best served by Bradbury and Ling. The former, who had not shown his time form this season, batted with extreme steadiness, while Ling was exhilaratingly entertaining and scored most of his runs by boundary hits. The Wiltshires looked like winning right to the very end and would have done so if Edmonds had not unexpectedly "found his spot" and got the last three men out cheaply. Wyndham was batting very well when Severn got behind his defence. Beaver played a defensive but correct game, obtaining his runs solely by carpet drives. Culver proved to be in rare smiting form and lifted the ball out of the ground on two occasions.

The Civil Service Club proved to be splendid hosts and a very enjoyable day was spent by all. The band of the Wiltshires was in attendance.

The Club won by six runs. Scores:—

CIVIL SERVICE	WILTSHIRES
B. W. Bradbury, b. Brown... 41	P. T. Lambie, b. Brown... 4
P. T. Lambie, b. Brown... 23	F. Sythe-Thomson, b. Brown... 16
F. Sythe-Thomson, b. Brown... 16	W. H. Edmonds, c. Edmonds, b. Brown... 40
W. H. Edmonds, c. Edmonds, b. Brown... 40	F. J. Ling, b. Brown... 1
F. J. Ling, b. Brown... 1	S. Fincher, c. Edmonds, b. Blackley... 4
S. Fincher, c. Edmonds, b. Blackley... 4	Dr. Smalley, b. Brown... 2
Dr. Smalley, b. Brown... 2	G. H. Piery, c. Brown, b. Purton... 23
G. H. Piery, c. Brown, b. Purton... 23	H. E. Strange, not out... 1
H. E. Strange, not out... 1	Don C. Severn, b. Purton... 4
Don C. Severn, b. Purton... 4	Extras... 4
Extras... 4	

Total 157

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Purton... 10... 4... 61... 2				
Harris... 9... 1... 21... 1				
Brown... 15... 1... 48... 6				
Blackley... 5... 1... 22... 1				

WILTSHIRES	CIVIL SERVICE
Edmonds... 10... 3... 38... 3	Edmonds... 10... 3... 38... 3
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Total 157

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Severn... 12... 3... 38... 3				
Edmonds... 12... 3... 38... 3				
Ling... 12... 3... 38... 3				
Witchell... 8... 1... 24... 1				
Lambie... 4... 0... 21... 0				

C.R.C. "A" DEFEATS QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Queen's College were defeated by the C.R.C. 2nd XI on the latter's ground on New Year's Day. The Chinese players did well with the bat, scoring 157 runs. Lo Man Pan played steady cricket in scoring 31 runs. Wei Lee San gave a robust display of hitting and Chun Tin Sung, in making 38, gave several chances. Rumjahn bowled well for the College. For the Collegians Rumjahn played a pretty game of cricket, compiling 47 runs. Scores:—

C.R.C.	QUEEN'S COLLEGE
Lo Man Pan, b. Rumjahn... 31	Lo Man Pan, b. Rumjahn... 31
Wei Lee San, b. Rumjahn... 38	Wei Lee San, b. Rumjahn... 38
Yew Man Hon, b. Rumjahn... 12	Yew Man Hon, b. Rumjahn... 12
H. Ching, b. Rumjahn... 8	H. Ching, b. Rumjahn... 8
U. How Fan, c. sub, b. Rumjahn... 16	U. How Fan, c. sub, b. Rumjahn... 16
Lee Chor Chi, b. Curruen... 10	Lee Chor Chi, b. Curruen... 10
Chun Tin Sung, b. Ling... 38	Chun Tin Sung, b. Ling... 38
C. F. Lee, b. Rumjahn... 15	C. F. Lee, b. Rumjahn... 15
Wong Po Keung, c. sub, b. Ling... 15	Wong Po Keung, c. sub, b. Ling... 15
Wah In Shing, b. Rumjahn... 4	Wah In Shing, b. Rumjahn... 4
C. W. Kin, not out... 0	C. W. Kin, not out... 0
Extras... 4	Extras... 4

Total 157

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Abbas... 2... 0... 13... 0				
A. Rumjahn... 17... 4... 78... 7				
Ling... 7... 1... 25... 2				
Curruen... 7... 1... 21... 1				
O. Rumjahn... 2... 0... 20... 0				

QUEEN'S COLLEGE

QUEEN'S COLLEGE	CIVIL SERVICE
D. Ling, b. Lee... 12	D. Ling, b. Lee... 12
O. Rumjahn, c. U. b. Lee... 8	O. Rumjahn, c. U. b. Lee... 8
S. Rumjahn, b. Lee... 12	S. Rumjahn, b. Lee... 12
S. Abbas, c. Chee, b. Lee... 2	S. Abbas, c. Chee, b. Lee... 2
E. J. Edwards, c. Kin, b. Ching... 4	E. J. Edwards, c. Kin, b. Ching... 4
G. A. Hyder, b. Lee... 4	G. A. Hyder, b. Lee... 4
J. B. Curruen, b. Lee... 6	J. B. Curruen, b. Lee... 6
S. A. R. Lam, b. Ching... 9	S. A. R. Lam, b. Ching... 9
H. D. Rumjahn, c. and b. Lee... 0	H. D. Rumjahn, c. and b. Lee... 0
A. N. Othman, absent... 0	A. N. Othman, absent... 0
Extras... 2	Extras... 2

Total 106

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Lee... 12... 3... 38... 3				
Yew Man Hon... 12... 3... 38... 3				
Ching... 11... 1... 24... 1				

### UNIVERSITY PAST DEFEAT THE PRESENT

This annual match, played on the University ground on New Year's Day, ended in a win for the Past students by 63 runs. Each side completed two innings, a rare occurrence for a one-day match. Rumjahn, Samy, Redmond, Ng See Kwong, and Yew Man Toun all rendered signal service for their respective sides.

PAST	PRESENT
A. H. Rumjahn, c. and b. Chua... 40	Yew Man Toun, b. Redmond... 4
Yew Man Toun, b. Redmond... 4	Ng See Kwong, c. T. L. Cheah, b. Redmond... 3
Ng See Kwong, c. T. L. Cheah, b. Redmond... 3	Ho Wing Kin, b. w. b. Redmond... 4
Ho Wing Kin, b. w. b. Redmond... 4	G. Hall, b. Redmond... 32
G. Hall, b. Redmond... 32	Chua Man Ping, b. Redmond... 13
Chua Man Ping, b. Redmond... 13	W. Hall, b. Chua... 13
W. Hall, b. Chua... 13	J. M. Jack, b. Chua... 3
J. M. Jack, b. Chua... 3	C. O. Danenberg, c. Chua, b. Redmond... 7
C. O. Danenberg, c. Chua, b. Redmond... 7	C. C. Thiry, not out... 2
C. C. Thiry, not out... 2	Wong Fook Han, did not bat... 0
Wong Fook Han, did not bat... 0	Extras... 13
Extras... 13	

Total 129

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Redmond... 15... 4... 37... 6				
Wright... 6... 0... 21... 0				
Chua... 9... 2... 23... 3				

PAST

PAST	PRESENT
H. O. Hunt, b. Yew... 0	T. L. Cheah, c. and b. Ng... 14
T. L. Cheah, c. and b. Ng... 14	D. K. Samy, c. and b. Ng... 14
D. K. Samy, c. and b. Ng... 14	J. D. Wright, c. Ho, b. Ng... 5
J. D. Wright, c. Ho, b. Ng... 5	I. T. Pun, b. Ng... 11
I. T. Pun, b. Ng... 11	S. K. Chua, b. Yew... 6
S. K. Chua, b. Yew... 6	K. S. Cheah, not out... 8
K. S. Cheah, not out... 8	C. H. Yeoh, c. Chua, b. Ng... 5
C. H. Yeoh, c. Chua, b. Ng... 5	S. W. Chan, c. Ho, b. Ng... 0
S. W. Chan, c. Ho, b. Ng... 0	Extras... 11
Extras... 11	

Total 92

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Yew... 12... 2... 25... 3				
Ho... 3... 0... 20... 0				
Ng... 11... 4... 18... 7				
Rumjahn... 3... 0... 18... 0				

PAST

PAST	PRESENT
Yew Man Toun, c. and b. Samy... 13	Ng See Kwong, c. Redmond, b. Wright... 35
Ng See Kwong, c. Redmond, b. Wright... 35	H. O. Hunt, b. Yew... 17
H. O. Hunt, b. Yew... 17	Ho Wing Kin, b. Wright... 5
Ho Wing Kin, b. Wright... 5	G. Hall, b. Wright... 3
G. Hall, b. Wright... 3	Chua Man Ping, b. Wright... 3
Chua Man Ping, b. Wright... 3	Y. M. Jack, c. Redmond, b. Samy... 17
Y. M. Jack, c. Redmond, b. Samy... 17	C. O. Danenberg, b. Samy... 10
C. O. Danenberg, b. Samy... 10	C. C. Thiry, not out... 0
C. C. Thiry, not out... 0	Wong Fook Han, not out... 6
Wong Fook Han, not out... 6	Extras... 20
Extras... 20	

Total 144

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Redmond... 5... 2... 4... 0				
Chua... 4... 0... 30... 0				
Samy... 15... 2... 41... 0				
Wright... 15... 2... 49... 4				

PAST

PAST	PRESENT
T. L. Cheah, c. Chua, b. Yew... 0	F. A. Redmond, b. Yew... 8
F. A. Redmond, b. Yew... 8	H. O. Hunt, run out... 5
H. O. Hunt, run out... 5	C. H. Yeoh, b. Yew... 6
C. H. Yeoh, b. Yew... 6	K. S. Cheah, c. Danenberg, b. Yew... 6
K. S. Cheah, c. Danenberg, b. Yew... 6	J. D. Wright, c. A. N. Othman, b. Yew... 8
J. D. Wright, c. A. N. Othman, b. Yew... 8	D. K. Samy, not out... 0
D. K. Samy, not out... 0	K. L. Sun, b. Yew... 0
K. L. Sun, b. Yew... 0	I. T. Pun, b. Yew... 19
I. T. Pun, b. Yew... 19	S. K. Chua, not out... 3
S. K. Chua, not out... 3	S. W. Chan, did not bat... 0
S. W. Chan, did not bat... 0	Extras... 4
Extras... 4	

Total 118

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Ng... 13... 1... 66... 1				
Yew... 13... 3... 56... 1				
Chua... 3... 1... 10... 0				

MR. LAMBERT'S XI DEFEATS MR. BRADBURY'S XI

An interesting match, played yesterday on the Craigiepower ground between teams captained by Mr. Bradbury and Mr. Lambert, ended in the latter winning by 25 runs. Batting first, Mr. Bradbury's team started quite well, losing four wickets for ten runs. The tailend, however, gave a good account of themselves and the total was ultimately raised to 84. A. A. Rumjahn played good cricket for 29 runs. Eards captured five wickets for 33 runs and Lambert 4 for 27 runs. A capital innings by Lambert (30) was the feature of the innings of his team.

MR. LAMBERT'S XI	MR. BRADBURY'S XI
L. Beavan, b. Eards... 4	P. T. Lambie, b. Eards... 0
P. T. Lambie, b. Eards... 0	G. Piery, b. Eards... 0
G. Piery, b. Eards... 0	H. E. Strang, c. Eards, b. Lambert... 0
H. E. Strang, c. Eards, b. Lambert... 0	E. J. Edwards, c. Goodall, b. Lambert... 2
E. J. Edwards, c. Goodall, b. Lambert... 2	B. W. Bradbury, c. Eards, b. Lambert... 16
B. W. Bradbury, c. Eards, b. Lambert... 16	Serge Connor, c. Small, b. Lambert... 4
Serge Connor, c. Small, b. Lambert... 4	A. A. Rumjahn, b. Harris... 23
A. A. Rumjahn, b. Harris... 23	S. S. M. Heath, b. Eards... 16
S. S. M. Heath, b. Eards... 16	B. D. Lambie, b. Eards... 4
B. D. Lambie, b. Eards... 4	P. A. Purton, not out... 2
P. A. Purton, not out... 2	Extras... 13
Extras... 13	

Total 84

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Eards... 14... 3... 33... 5				
Lambert... 11... 1... 27... 4				
Harris... 2... 4... 0... 11				

### MR. LAMBERT'S XI

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D. M. Goodall, c. Small, b. Connor... 21	C. M. S. Telford, b. Connor... 3
C. M. S. Telford, b. Connor... 3	G. C. Eards, b. Purton... 13
G. C. Eards, b. Purton... 13	Y. Abbas, b. Purton... 16
Y. Abbas, b. Purton... 16	F. O. Thompson, not out... 14
F. O. Thompson, not out... 14	M. F. Chua, b. Purton... 0
M. F. Chua, b. Purton... 0	L. E. Lambert, b. Connor... 30
L. E. Lambert, b. Connor... 30	S. J. J. Connor... 6
S. J. J. Connor... 6	S. Harris, b. w. b. Lambert... 0
S. Harris, b. w. b. Lambert... 0	S. A. Lamail, c. Heath, b. Lambert... 0
S. A. Lamail, c. Heath, b. Lambert... 0	H. W. Ramsay, c. Rumjahn, b. Lambert... 5
H. W. Ramsay, c. Rumjahn, b. Lambert... 5	Extras... 10
Extras... 10	

Total 113

Bowling Analysis	C.	M.	R.	W.
Purton... 14... 2... 40... 3				
Connor... 18... 6... 49... 4				
Lambie... 4... 3... 0... 11				
Piery... 2... 1... 3... 0				

HONGKONG C.C. 2ND XI v. UNIVERSITY

The following will represent the University in the above-whole day match to be played on the Club ground to-day:— J. D. Wright, F. A. Redmond, D. K. Samy, S. K. Chua, H. C. Hunt, T. L. Cheah, C. H. Yeoh, K. S. Cheah, H. A. Baato, I. T. Pun, K. L. Sun, and S. W. Chan.

### FOOTBALL

DIVISION I.

HONGKONG F.C. v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, O.

The Hongkong F.C. did not improve on their reputation when they met the St. Joseph's College team yesterday. One of the two goals they scored was a "cumshaw." For the other they had to work for sixty minutes out of the 70 allowed for the match. They were in the College territory all that time, and that they were not able to score was due, as much to their own mistakes, their own indecision and their fetid for passing as to the stubborn defence of the College team, who have seldom, if ever, played a more desperate game. Great credit must be given to U. Omar, Dixon, Xavier, Ogley, Seper and Urquhart for preventing the other forwards from scoring more often.

The Club was not at full strength. Black, who was to have played, has not yet quite recovered from the effects of the England-Scotland match. His place was taken by MacPhail. Ralston came into the half line and played a downright hardworking game. Stalker was missed from the forward line, Riis making a very poor substitute. Tonkin, the Shanghai F.C. captain, just transferred to Hongkong, made his first appearance in the Club team and proved himself a welcome addition, letting nothing pass him throughout the match.

The Club had two opportunities of scoring within the first two minutes of the game. Both times the ball came from Hamilton; first Riis and then Rodgers failed to net when they should have done so. Riis's chance specially was an easy one. The College backs had to look alive for several minutes after this, and both Dixon and Ogley were applauded for desperate work. The College forwards made two incursions to the other side before the Club resumed the attack.

Rahmin put in a fine centre from outside left which Rodgers saved, while Urquhart on the other extreme had one or two chances of running through, but got excited and over-ran himself. The Club forwards were playing so well for the next few minutes that it was strange they did not score. McTavish and Hamilton, on their wing, were doing pretty well as they liked. The Club were pressing so vigorously that several corners were conceded. Off two of these exciting mêlées Omar saved jolly shots that won him well-deserved praise from everyone on the field. One incursion broke the monotony of the play and what might well



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## BRILLIANT SCENE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Another step in the development of the Colony along lines which add to its attractions for the permanent resident as well as for the tourist, was taken on New Year's Day, when H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) formally opened the Repulse Bay Hotel, an adjunct of the Hongkong Hotel, in the presence of a large gathering of residents.

Situated on the hill directly above the extensive sandy beach at the head of Repulse Bay which forms one of the best bathing resorts of the island, the view of the hotel as one approaches it either by motor-car or launch is certainly very charming. Constructed bungalow-fashion and occupying a fairly extensive site, the hotel stands out conspicuously in its whiteness amid hillocks rich in wood and verdure. It is approached from the roadway by a broad flight of steps. Along the whole front of the building runs a verandah 150 feet in length and 14ft. in width from which one gets a splendid view of the picturesque surroundings of the hotel and at the same time the benefit of the cool breeze which favours the spot. The main hall or lounge of the hotel has no less than 3,000 feet of floor space, and is furnished in a style, with rich carpets and comfortable chairs, which gives it a most inviting appearance. At either end of the room is the hotel's cretin bar relief. This hall will be used as a dining room and ball-room and is admirably adapted for either purpose. On the left and right of the main hall are situated residential suites, but later, when the residential wings, which are in progress of construction, are completed, it is proposed to extend the main hall, utilising the present suites for the purpose. Adjoining the hall are two open pergolas, permitting the breeze to play from front to back. These are stocked with ferns and creepers, and to add to the attraction a couple of fountains are being erected with artistic pottery basins. The two residential wings will be completed by summer. A 14 feet veranda will run the length of the wing and each bed-room, which will be 30 feet by 30 feet, will have its own bath-room, with hot and cold water, and a dressing-room. In front of the wing a tennis court will be provided.

Store-rooms, kitchens, pantries are all situated in the back portion of the building and have been arranged in such a manner as to be of the quickest and most efficient service. The interior of the rooms, even to the very window sills, are of white glazed china, ensuring a maximum of cleanliness and sanitation. Every bath-room and lavatory is of the same glazed china, while the baths are large and of porcelain. Sloan flush valves are fitted to every convenience, doing away with the necessity for cisterns. Perfect drainage has been installed and a septic tank, well removed, will deal with all refuse. The water supply for the hotel is obtained from impounded reservoirs, one of which holds over 80,000 gallons. There is a proper system of filtration and the water will be ice-cooled by an electric refrigerator. The hotel will make its own ice and will be able to carry on its own cold storage. In winter the whole building will be electrically heated.

Every bed-room in the hotel will have its own telephone, communicating with the central office, while the furniture and fittings leave nothing to be desired. At times makes it possible the ground between the hotel and the beach will be properly treated and laid out in lawns. There will be sloping gardens, etc., while there has been already erected a number of hammocks and "sunshade" seats, where the visitor or guest may enjoy a quiet hour in the cool of the evening.

To sum up, the new hotel in the fullness of time promises to be one of the most attractive country hotels to be found anywhere in the East. It is thoroughly modern in its fittings and arrangements; and its surroundings, an excellent cuisine, and the facilities it will afford for bathing, fishing and excursions to other parts of the island, will combine to make the hotel a great attraction for tourists passing through Hongkong, and a boon to residents seeking a few hours' escape from the crowded city.

**THE OPENING CEREMONY.**  
The formal ceremony took place a few minutes after 3 p.m.

From two o'clock onwards there was a steady stream of motor-cars and also several motor-buses operated by the colouring Dragon Garage, conveying people from the City to Repulse Bay, traversing roads untravelled anywhere in the East not only on account of the excellence of their construction, but for the delightful scenic panorama along the coast of the island, which the journey affords. As the visitors alighted at the entrance to the hotel they were met by Mr. J. Scott Harrison (Director) and Mr. J. H. Taggart, the genial manager, who was unremitting in his attention to the

guests. These included practically every well-known resident of the Colony and many visitors, among whom we noticed Sir Haviland de Saumarez, the Chief Judge of H.M. Supreme Court for China. At 3.15 p.m. H.E. the Governor, who was accompanied by his Private Secretary, arrived, and was received at the entrance by the Directors.

Mr. J. Scott Harrison, in making His Excellency to declare the building open, said:—Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—On behalf of the Hongkong Hotel Company and those assembled here today, I cordially welcome Your Excellency, and thank you for honouring this auspicious occasion by your presence. I use the word "auspicious" advisedly, for I feel sure that as certainly as the sun now shines upon us, good fortune will ever attend this enterprise, upon which Your Excellency has by your kind attendance to inaugurate it placed the hall-mark of good repute. In the circumstance of the uniqueness of this event in the history of the Colony, it is perhaps fitting that I should offer a few remarks regarding this highly important adjunct of the Hongkong Hotel Company's undertaking. The idea of building the Repulse Bay Hotel was the product of the brain of Mr. Taggart, the Company's energetic and genial manager, (applause) who, ever ready to forward the interests of the Company and to secure the welfare of its patrons, suggested this project rather more than two years ago. Having convinced his Board of Directors of its soundness and obtained their sanction for its erection, he has devoted himself heart and soul to its successful completion, and the edifice which now stands before you bears striking tribute to his foresight, labour and ceaseless attention. It reminds me of Sir Christopher Wren's epitaph "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice."

Nature has bestowed bountiful gifts in plenty upon the site and its surroundings, but we all owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Architects, Messrs. Denison, Bam & Gibbs and to the contractors, Messrs. Tsang Ying for their skill in attaining the really excellent result which you will shortly behold, and on behalf of my Company I tender to them my hearty thanks. I have no doubt whatever that this Hotel will prove a boon to a host of people who live in Hongkong, and I am also confident that its patrons will be by no means limited to the populace of this Colony. The locality is easy of access from our city, and is the enterprising Dragon Motor Car Company are instituting a service of motor buses at reasonable rates, it can be reached without difficulty by all. I have now to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to perform the inaugural ceremony, and formally declare the Hotel open to the public—for which purpose and on behalf of the Hotel Company, I beg leave to present to you this key. (Applause).

H.E. the Governor then handed a key, and, before proceeding to open the door, said:—Mr. Scott Harrison, ladies and gentlemen, Dr. Johnson observed on one occasion that nothing had yet been contrived by man that was of so much use or gave so much happiness as a good tavern or inn. (Laughter). In those days, however, the word "hotel" was not used in the same sense as at present, or Dr. Johnson would have substituted it for the words he used. I have come down to open this hotel because I think it represents an important event in the life of the Colony. It has frequently been observed to me by a good many people who pass through Hongkong that one drawback to the place is that there is nowhere for the tourist to go when he goes out from his hotel. The Hongkong Hotel Company has shown much enterprise and wisdom in accepting Mr. Taggart's advice by providing a most admirable place which will serve as an object for every pleasant excursion amongst the best and most beautiful roads in Asia, and I am quite convinced that the hotel will meet with the success it deserves because of the skill and intelligence with which the site has been selected. From the point of view of the tourist, it is a great advantage to have a place of this kind, but whether from the point of view of the Colony, it is a great advantage to have tourists is a matter on which there is a little difference of opinion. (Laughter). I hope that the Hotel Company will reap the benefit of their enterprise by providing this popular resort for the inhabitants of the Colony. I wish it all success in the future and have much pleasure in declaring it open. (Applause).

The door was next opened, and as His Excellency and the guests stood on the threshold, the hotel orchestra played "God Save the King." His Excellency entered the building and signed his name on the hotel register. A tour of inspection of the building took place, after which all present partook of refreshments. The band of the hotel played a pleasing selection of music through the afternoon.

**THE BALL.**  
Never was there a merrier crowd of dancers than those present at night at the first ball given at the new hotel. The gathering seemed even larger than the one present at the opening. The hotel and grounds were prettily decorated and lanterns being used in the garden with artistic effect. Several of the dancers dined at the hotel and all partook of supper. Music was supplied by the hotel orchestra, and included amongst the waltzes was a composition of Mrs. Taggart, appropriately entitled "Repulse Bay." Dancing was carried on with a rest till the early hours of the morning.

# DEPARTURE OF MR. A. SRELTON HOOPER.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, who for over thirty years has been the Secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., left for Home on New Year's Day, travelling via the United States. Mr. Hooper goes on six months' leave, at the expiration of which he returns on pension granted in recognition of his long and faithful service to the Company.

Mr. Hooper came to the Colony in 1888 to take the appointment of Government Assessor, but before his first term of office had expired he received a flattering invitation to accept the Secretaryship of the Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., which was then in the very early stages of its career. Ever since that time (1889) he has continued in that position, but, in addition, he has held a permanent retainer from the Government as their land expert, and, as such, has been prominently identified with every big valuation case that has come before the Courts for years past.

In his time he has manifested an active interest in the public life of the Colony, though latterly he has taken no prominent part in it. For upwards of thirty years he has been a Justice of Peace, and had held a seat on the Licensing Board until this year, when he retired in view of his impending departure for Home. He was for six years also a very valuable member of the Sanitary Board, and public appreciation of his services on that Board was shown in the fact that on the last occasion on which he stood for election he was returned at the head of the poll by a record vote. As a member of the Commission appointed in 1908 to enquire into the administration of the Sanitary and Building Regulations, enacted by the Public Health and Building Ordinance of 1903, he rendered the Colony valuable service for which he received the thanks of the Colonial Government, notwithstanding that as a member of the Commission and as a member of the Sanitary Board he was ever a sharp critic of the Government. Four or five years ago Mr. Hooper underwent an operation for appendicitis, and when he went Home in 1915 to recuperate he received a much-appreciated acknowledgment of his public services in the Colony from the Secretary of State.

Since his return Mr. Hooper has undertaken no public duties, but his past record in that respect will always be remembered with appreciation. He has left the Colony with the best wishes of a very wide circle of friends, who trust he may live long to enjoy in tranquil repose the pension he has earned.

Mr. Hooper is succeeded in the Secretaryship of the Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., by Mr. Mowbray Stafford Northcote, who has for many years been the Accountant of the Company, as well as the Secretary of the Hongkong Land Redemption Co., and in congratulating him upon this recognition of his services to the Company, we know we are giving expression to a sentiment widely entertained among those who are acquainted with his abilities and his qualifications for the post.

# DOLLAR COINAGE PROPOSALS FOR CHINA.

## THE SCHEME FOR A MINT AT SHANGHAI.

### PEKING REPORTED FAVOURABLE.

PEKING, December 24th.  
The recent conference of British Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai passed a resolution "that the Chinese Government be strongly urged to take steps to discontinue the use of silver and to establish a uniform currency of dollar and subsidiary silver and copper coinage throughout the country; to open a mint in Shanghai for the free coinage of dollars and to place other mints under efficient control, so that uniformity of standard may be preserved."

In pursuance of this resolution the British Legation on Thursday addressed a note to the Chinese Government. The note refers to the disadvantages occurring through depreciation of the subsidiary coinage and the discredited condition of Chinese banknotes. It points out that the silver dollar is more reliable than the banknote and more convenient than silver and that there is a real demand for a uniform dollar. It refers to the fact that in the past silver has been the pillar on which Chinese currency rested, and that it is impossible to remove the pillar until an absolutely reliable dollar has been produced to replace it. The note states that in the opinion of British bankers and merchants uniform dollar can be introduced without great difficulty, if a central mint open to free coinage of dollars is established in Shanghai which is the principal port of entry of silver into China. Bankers and merchants point out, the note says, that such a step would cost the Chinese Government practically nothing as a small seigniorage would cover all expenses. The note then adverts to the advantages of having a uniform, reliable dollar and says that the success of a dollar currency being dependent on confidence in its security should be under the direct control of the Central Government which should provide for the foreign technical assistance necessary to create confidence among foreign banks. In this connection the note emphasizes that this is not a criticism of Chinese integrity and ability, but that the provision of foreign assistance is essential, inasmuch as foreign silver will be handled, and it is of the utmost importance that the Chinese dollar, through the foreign bank, should obtain the unreserved confidence of the world.

It is understood that the Chinese Government is sympathetic towards the idea and considers the moment favourable for replacing silver by a uniform dollar, and that a scheme will be announced early in the new year by which a Central Government mint with the necessary foreign assistance will be established at Shanghai for free coinage of silver.—Reuter.

# POLICE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

## ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS.

The annual Christmas Tree and treat for the Police children arranged by the Police Recreation Club came off at Happy Valley on New Year's Day, and a large crowd of children and bigger folk had an enjoyable afternoon, thanks largely to the efforts of Inspector Kent who worked very hard indeed, both before and during the function to make it the success it proved. Sports for the children started at about three o'clock, and, in the intervals, Mr. W. Ward, dressed as a clown, kept the little ones thoroughly amused.

A football match, under Association conditions, played with a rugged ball, provided a lot of fun for the spectators. The contestants were the League team and the "Stiffs" and the players had a strenuous time. Keell, one of the "Stiffs" was injured, and had to be taken to the Hospital in an ambulance. The match ended in a tie, each side scoring two goals.

The teams were as follows:—League, Clark, Clark, Reed, Kelly, Grimmett, Logan, Miller, Dick, Slay, Marks and Coutts. "Stiffs"—McKay, Lenaghan, Wood, Smith, Knight, Peplow, Reed, Road, Mist, Dorrington, and Condon.

At the conclusion of the day's sports, Mrs. Wolfe gave away the prizes to the winners, also spoons to the teams that took part in the football match.

Inspector Kent, in thanking her for performing this duty, presented her with a handsome bouquet in a silver vase. He said the Club was grateful for the interest which Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe had taken in it since Mr. Wolfe had been the Head of the Force, and expressed the hope that Mr. Wolfe's "reign" would be a long one, because the officers and men realised that in him they had a just and sympathetic Head.

Mr. Wolfe, replying on behalf of his wife, said that he and his wife were grateful to the Club for asking them to officiate at these annual functions. He was very glad that the attendance was different from that of last year, for they had welcomed back those who had gone Home for active service, also a number of new men. Even the powers above had favoured their sports this year, for they would remember that last year's function had to be postponed owing to the rain. He also wished, on behalf of his wife, to thank those ladies who had made regular visits to the Helena May Institute to help the funds of the Ministering Children's League. He was sure that they had enjoyed those meetings as much as his wife had. He thought it likely that the Ministering Children's League would soon come to a close, but no doubt a similar organisation would be formed and he hoped they would support that in the same wholehearted manner.

The results of the sports follow:—

Girls' Race (under seven):—1, Julia Eames; 2, Gladys Grimmett; 3, Ruby Willis.  
Boys' Race (under seven):—1, Jack Smith; 2, Michael Davitt; 3, Arthur Floyd.  
Gentlemen's Race (under 30):—1, Condon; 2, Smith; 3, Dick.  
Ladies' Coconut Shy:—1, Mrs. McLeod; 2, Mrs. Grant; 3, Mrs. Garrod.  
Girls' Race (over 14):—1, Miss Marjorie Kent; 2, Miss Angus; 3, Miss Agnes Watt.  
Men's Race (30 to 40):—1, Dorrington; 2, Lannigan; 3, Grimmett.  
Girls' Race (7 to 14):—1, Barbara Eames; 2, Irene Fismore; 3, Cissy Calliford.  
Boys' Race (7 to 14):—1, Jim Watt; 2, Roby Watt; 3, John Fismore.  
Egg and Spoon Race:—1, Mrs. Grimmett; 2, Mrs. Purdon; 3, Mrs. Garrod.  
Veteran's Race:—1, Inspector Macdonald; 2, Inspector Brail; 3, Inspector Marks.  
Tug-of-War:—Married Men (Gerrard, Brail, Lannigan, A. Clark, McLeod, Hynes, Purdon, West, Dorrington, and Evans) beat the Single Men.

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# NEW YEAR HONOURS. THE FIUME FERMENT IN ITALY. BOLSHEVICKS CAPTURE IRKUTSK RAILWAY

JAPAN READY FOR ACTION IN SIBERIA.

## GREAT SINN FEIN ACTIVITY: DISCOVERY OF REVOLVERS AND HAND GRENADES IN LIVERPOOL.

LATEST CABLES.  
[THROUGH AGENCY'S AGENCY.]

## NEW YEAR HONOURS.

London, January 1st.  
The New Year Honours include—

## BARONS.

An Earl, for Viscount Middleton, formerly Mr. St. John Brodick, the new Earl has held many official posts including those of Secretary of State for War 1900-3 and Secretary of State for India, 1905-6. He represented the Guildford Division in Parliament from 1885-1906 and was an Alderman of the London County Council, 1907-13 and served on the Irish Convention 1917-18.

## BARONS.

Sir Bertrand Dawson (physician in ordinary to the King), Sir George Riddell (newspaper proprietor) and Sir Albert Stanley (formerly President of the Board of Trade) have been created Barons.

## PRIVY COUNSELLORS.

The Privy Counsellors include Mr. Charles Doherty and Mr. Arthur Sifton (Canadian representatives at the Peace Conference), Sir Arthur Boscawen, M.P., Sir Frederick Lugard, Mr. Watt (Acting Premier of Australia) and Sir Thomas White (Acting Premier of Canada).

The new Baronets include Sir Henry Birchenough, Mr. John Traill McGill (Chairman of the Burnish Oil Company), Mr. Hugo Cunliffe-Owen (for war propaganda services in the Far East) and Sir Thomas Holderness (Permanent Under Secretary for India).

## KNIGHTS.

The new Knights include Mr. Ernest Budge (who is head of the Egyptian Department of the British Museum), Mr. H. J. Mackinder, M.P., and Mr. Thomas Robinson.

The foregoing are in the Premier's list, which comprises seven Commanders of the Bath, nineteen Barons and thirty-six Knights.

## FUTURE CANADIAN NAVY. FORECAST OF LORD JELlicoe'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

OTTAWA, December 30th.

Lord Jellicoe leaves Canada this week on a short visit to the United States before sailing for South Africa.

It is understood that Lord Jellicoe recommends for the Canadian Navy six cruisers, six destroyers, ten to twelve submarines and a number of torpedo boats and aeroplanes.

## IMPERIAL MINERAL RESOURCES BUREAU.

## GREAT STATISTICAL WORK DONE.

LONDON, January 1st.

Sir Richard Redmayne, interviewed with reference to the work of the Imperial Mineral Resources Bureau, of which he is chairman, pointed out the immense amount of valuable work done throughout the Empire since the composition of the bureau was completed in July, 1918.

The Bureau has been engaged on an extensive statistical classification of the Empire's mineral resources through the medium of sixteen technical committees comprising some of the best known mining and metallurgical experts in the Empire.

With a view to establishing a still closer connexion, the Bureau suggested that all parts of the Empire appoint a qualified representative to act as a corresponding member.

Sir Richard Redmayne mentioned an unqualified success the experiment adopted by South Africa and India of sending a mechanical representative to the United Kingdom to keep in close touch with the Bureau. The experiment has been of reciprocal advantage.

## NEW FRENCH LOAN.

5 PER CENT. REDEEMABLE STOCK.

Paris, December 30th.

A Havas message states—  
The French Finance Minister has placed on the table in the Chamber of Deputies the conditions of the new Consolidation Loan of 5 per cent. Redeemable Stock, which shows that there will be half-yearly redemption drawings covering a period of 60 years. The stock is issued at par, 100 francs, to be redeemed at a premium of 50 per cent., may be redeemed at the first drawing 6 months after the issue.

English speaking circles in Paris believe that such an issue will find a great number of subscribers in Great Britain.

Five per cent interest will be paid any time within 60 years. The capital will be paid back with an additional bonus of 50 francs per 100 francs invested.

The issue will be made during February. The National Defence Bonds Obligations, the ordinary Treasury Bonds and the coupons for interest due on other Treasury Loans up to March 31st, 1920, will be accepted at their face value as subscriptions for the new loan.

## AMERICAN PROHIBITION LAW.

## WOOD ALCOHOL RINGLEADERS IN COURT.

New York, December 30th.

Two of the "Wood alcohol ringleaders" were brought up at Brooklyn Court on a charge of violation of the Prohibition Law. They were allowed out on bail of \$15,000 each. Four others were brought up at the New York Court on a similar charge, and were allowed bail of \$10,000 each.

## AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

## LEGISLATION AGAINST STRIKES.

WASHINGTON, December 30th.

The representatives of the four Railroad Brotherhoods and the heads of the affiliated trades have adopted a declaration opposing legislation making railway strikes unlawful.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, who attended the conference of railwaymen prior to the adoption of the declaration, said that the view of his conferees was that the Government should control the railways for a minimum of two years in order to properly test Government control.

## GAY VIENNA NOW FORLOREN.

## ENGLAND, FRANCE AND ITALY SENDING RELIEF.

LONDON, December 30th.

The newspapers recently again drawing attention to the appalling condition of Vienna where distress is most acute, are being taken by England, France and Italy to give relief.

England, France and Italy are sending large shipments of food and other necessities. It has also been arranged that Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Poland release a large number of railway trucks for Austrian use.

The measures, however, are purely temporary as it is felt that nothing permanent can be attempted until Austria falls into line with the allies regarding the treatment of nations against whom we were at war.

## ITALY'S FRUITS OF WAR.

## SIGNOR NITTI EXPLAINS GRIEVANCES.

Rome, December 30th.

Signor Nitti, speaking in the Senate, has made a vigorous reply to M. Clemenceau's statement of December 3rd. He quoted M. Clemenceau's statement that Italy had undertaken to give Fiume to Croatia, and stated that Croatia was not a contracting party. On the contrary the situation had to be considered from the general standpoint, not from the point of view of one party. Furthermore, the situation was continually undergoing profound changes.

While conceding that Fiume was not included in the Pact of London, Signor Nitti laid stress on the fact that, under the Pact, all Dalmatia was to be handed over to Italy. Moreover, contrary to another stipulation contained in the Pact, Italy was left to fight Austria-Hungary alone. (Applause).

Referring to the Adriatic, which had ceased to be a *de facto* and had become a *de jure* situation, Signor Nitti declared that Italy, which honourably did her share in the war, was convinced that she asked for nothing unreasonable or unworthy.

Signor Tittoni, replying to congratulations on his election as President of the Senate, said that cordial goodwishes would accompany the Government on its noble mission to safeguard the rights of Italy, for it was clear that it was desired to apportion the fruits of war not in accordance with Italy's sacrifices but according to the good pleasure of others.

Speaking in the Chamber of Deputies on December 3rd, M. Clemenceau stated that the Fiume question had been an agonising one. The Italian Government had undertaken to concede Fiume to the Yugo-Slavs, and upon this pledge the Serbs and Yugo-Slavs relied, but Italy had gone back on her pledge.

## PEACE TREATY RATIFICATIONS.

## TO BE DEPOSITED ON MONDAY.

LONDON, December 30th.

Tentative arrangements have been made in Paris for the deposit of the ratifications of the Peace Treaty on January 5th.

## GERMANY READY TO SIGN.

LONDON, December 30th.

Baron von Lersner, Chief of the German Delegation, called on M. Dutasta but did not deliver the German reply.

It is believed that the Government in Berlin is disposed to sign the protocol, subject to the guarantee of reduction in the amount of material required as compensation for the Scapa Flow sinking.

The entire press regards yesterday's interview as decisive and anticipates an early signing of the protocol.

## THE SCAPA FLOW SINKINGS.

## GERMAN WARSHIPS NOT TO BE BLOWN UP.

LONDON, December 30th.

The Allied Naval Armistice Commission deny the report of the blowing up of the vessels sunk in the Scapa Flow.

## AMERICA AND THE TREATY.

## COMPROMISE MAY YET BE EFFECTED.

New York, December 30th.

It is generally believed in Washington that the forces of the "mild Reservationists" will defeat Senator Lodge's party, and that the Treaty will be ratified on a basis of compromise satisfactory to all parties.

## FOR DOGS KILLED OR STOLEN.

## FRENCH CLAIM AGAINST GERMANY.

Paris, December 30th.

A Havas message states—  
The French Ministry of Agriculture has forwarded to the Reparations Commission a claim for 30,000 dogs stolen and killed by Germans during the occupation of Northern France.

Selected breeds of animals, poultry, hares, rabbits and sheep dogs are demanded from Germany.

## SINN FEIN ACTIVITY.

## LARGE HAUL OF REVOLVERS AND HAND GRENADES.

LONDON, December 30th.

The Liverpool Police have discovered a large haul of revolvers, cartridges and hand grenades in a house and a quantity of literature, all indicating great activity on behalf of Sinn Fein.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## DISTURBED IRELAND.

## VERDICT IN VICEREGAL LODGE AFFAIR.

LONDON, December 29th.

Particular interest centred round the inquest at Dublin on Lieutenant Beest, in consequence of the hitherto confused accounts of the affair.

A verdict was returned that Lieutenant Beest was accidentally killed by a shot fired by one of his own party, and that Kennedy was killed on his way home by a Military patrol. Kennedy was a civilian.

Three of the arrested civilians have been released.

## CONFLICTING EVIDENCE.

LONDON, December 30th.

Conflicting evidence was given in the Dublin inquest by the soldiers concerned in the shooting affair, one asserting that Kennedy shot Lieutenant Beest when arrested. Two others state that Lieutenant Beest was killed by civilians, who disappeared.

It was admitted that no revolver was found on Kennedy and it transpired that Kennedy was not killed outright, but was despatched whilst crawling away. The jury concluded that Lieutenant Beest was killed by his own men because fragments of the bullets found on his body are declared to be part of a service cartridge. The jury submitted a rider that the patrol acted in a most heartless manner in the case of Kennedy and sympathized with his relatives.

## LATEST CABLES.

## END OF LITVINOFF CONFERENCE.

## BRITISH DELEGATE RETURNS.

LONDON, December 30th.

Mr. O'Grady, M.P., returns from Copenhagen on January 3rd.

## OBITUARY.

## SIR WILLIAM OSLER.

LONDON, December 30th.

The death is announced of Sir William Osler, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P.

## LATEST CABLES.

## FOUNDATION OF WORLD PEACE.

## CHRISTIANITY THE SURE FOUNDATION.

LONDON, January 1st.

New Year's messages from the Premiers of the British Commonwealth of nations have been issued over the signatures of Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Robert Borden, Mr. W. M. Hughes, General Botha, Mr. Massey and Mr. Squires (Newfoundland).

The messages, which are addressed to "Fellow-citizens of the British Empire," emphasize that in a recognition of the Fatherhood of God and His Divine purposes for the world, which is the central message of Christianity, will be discovered the ultimate foundation for the reconstruction of an ordered and harmonious life for all men. As that recognition can only come as an act of free consent on the part of individual men everywhere, the message appeals to men of goodwill to consider the eternal validity of the truth of those spiritual forces which are the one hope for a permanent foundation of world peace.

## INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

## MAHSEDS ACCEPT BRITISH TERMS.

LONDON, December 29th.

Reuters Agency learns that the Mahsuds have formally accepted the British terms, which include an unopposed march through their country, and the guarantee of their lives and property. The only important action now in progress are the Wana Wairis.

## FRENCH ARRIAL ENTERPRISE.

## PROPOSED TRANS-ATLANTIC SERVICE.

Paris, December 30th.

A French aeroplane in April or May is attempting a flight from Dakar to Pernambuco, a special machine having been constructed capable of a non-stop flight of 3,000 miles, with a view to establishing a Trans-Atlantic service.

## SYRIA.

## THE FRENCH-ARABIAN INCIDENT.

Paris, December 30th.

With reference to the Baalbek affair, a message has been received from Beirut which says that a French officer, with the object of a hostile demonstration against Baalbek, left the town and returned with a detachment, which was fired on. One soldier was wounded. The town is now quiet.

## FIRE AT MARSEILLES.

## SMALL RAILWAY STATION BURNED.

Paris, December 29th.

It appears that the report of the burning down of the railway station at Marseilles refers to the small Vieuxport station, and not the main railway station.

## BOLSHEVIST ENDEAVOURS FOR PEACE.

## RUSSIA AND POLAND ON GOOD TERMS.

COPENHAGEN, December 29th.

The Russian Soviet Government has offered the Polish Government peace, simultaneously denying that the Soviet is preparing a new offensive against Poland.

## CANTON NEWS.

January 2nd.

New Year Day was observed as a general holiday in Canton. The Military Government, entertained the M.P.s, the members of the Provincial Assembly and the principal merchants of the city in the Tung Yuen Garden yesterday. Dr. Wang T'ing-fang will entertain the Foreign Consuls today. The Yamen and all Government offices have been closed for three days.

It is stated that the gunboat *Po-ling*, which escaped to Haiphong, is still interned by the French authorities in spite of the requests of the Peking Government for her return. The officers and the engineers have left the ship owing to shortage of supplies. The commander and most of the crew are in great distress.

The Superintendent of the Mint has obtained sanction to form a special guard for the Mint.

It is reported that Kung Sam-jarm, the ex-Premier of Peking, is still in Kowloon.

In connection with the military revolt in Fokien, it is reported that the People's Army mutinied and attacked Fong as the Army alleged ill-treatment. The mutineers, who are now under the command of Sung Yun-yuen, a member of Parliament, have not been punished and the whereabouts of Fong Sing-to are unknown. Commander Lam Poy-ik, of the 1st Squadron who is a Fokienese, proposes to send gunboats to Fokien to restore order.

The value of silver.

In the House of Commons, on October 30th, Sir S. Roberts asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether his attention had been called to the fact that the price of silver in the London market on October 29th was 69d., and the melting value of silver was 64d., and what steps the Government proposed to take.

Mr. Chamberlain: This matter has been coming under my close attention. By statutory orders already in existence it is an offence to hoard current British silver coin as defined in the Defence of the Realm Regulation 30 EE, or to buy or sell or offer to buy or sell any current British silver coin at above its face value. By an Order-in-Council made under the Defence of the Realm Act on October 20th to amend Regulation 30 E, it has been made an offence to melt down current silver coin, break it up, or use it otherwise than as currency. The export of British silver coin is already prohibited. Steps have been taken to renew the prohibition or export of silver bullion except under licence. The situation is being carefully watched, and I hope it will be unnecessary to take any further action.

Mr. Macdonald: Are these methods taken to prevent money going to the French lottery? Mr. Chamberlain: No.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

## NEW STRAITS GOVERNOR.

LONDON, December 31st.

Sir Laurence Guillemard, accompanied by Lady Guillemard and Lieutenant Arthur Mallet, (R.N.), A.D.C., leaves England on January 1st for Singapore to take up his appointment as Governor of the Straits Settlements.

## CHINA'S PEACE MISSION RETURNING.

MARSEILLES, December 30th.

The Chinese Peace Mission has sailed for China.

## NEW N.E. SERVICE TO HAMBURG.

LONDON, December 29th.

A new service between Rotterdam, Hamburg and the Far East, has been established by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. It was opened by the new 10,000 tonner *Delagoa Maru*, followed by the *Durban Maru* and the *Tsuru Maru*.

## BOLSHEVICKS TAKE IRKUTSK RAILWAY STATION.

New York, December 30th.

A message from Peking states that Bolsheviki report having taken possession of the railway station at Irkutsk while Admiral Kolchak's forces are holding the town.

Foreign Missionaries at Irkutsk are now provided with accommodation in the railway yard.

## JAPAN READY FOR ACTION IN SIBERIA.

LONDON, December 30th.

With reference to the Japanese policy in Siberia, the Japanese altered conditions owing to Admiral Kolchak's retreat, Reuters learns from a Japanese source that the position is as follows:

About three weeks ago discussions between the Japanese and the American Governments began at Washington with a view to arriving at a future policy in regard to Siberia. Britain being duly informed of the opening of the negotiations. So far no decision has been reached owing to the absence of the Secretary for War from Washington.

Japan's views have been fully communicated to the State Department.

It is obvious to the Japanese Government—in view of recent events in Siberia and Admiral Kolchak's retreat (which seems to be slow and orderly)—that the whole position must be reviewed by the Tokyo Government. Japan has at present some thirty thousand troops along the Trans-Siberian Railway while the United States has perhaps seven thousand, including engineers. Japan is determined to stem the flow of Bolshevism towards Japan, but any new action necessitated by the altered situation must depend on the political and military position and will only be taken after discussion and in co-operation with the Allies. Japan is quite prepared to increase her forces in Siberia, if necessary.

## NEWS FOR THE DOMINIONS.

In the House of Commons, Colonel Amery replied as follows, on October 30th to a question by Mr. Hard, who asked whether new contracts had been entered into with Reuters Agency for the transmission of British news to Canada and other British lands overseas, and what subsidies were involved: "The payment to Reuters in respect of the Imperial News Service hitherto sent to Canada will not, according to present arrangements, continue after October 31st, but the question of continuing the Imperial service on similar lines is under discussion with the Canadian Government. The payment to Reuters to meet the actual expenditure incurred in sending an amplified cable service of news of Imperial interest to other parts of the Empire, has been provided up to December 31st. The total cost to Government funds involved was about £2,300 per annum. The rate of payment is not by his Majesty's Government, and the remainder by other British Administrations, interested. There is no similar arrangement with other news associations."















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